

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application.

Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1-18 are allowed. Claims 19, 25, and 26 have been amended. Claim 24 has been cancelled. New claim 27 has been added. Therefore, claims 1-23 and 25-27 are presented for examination.

Examiner rejected claims 19-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,801,717 issued to Engstrom, et al. Claims 24-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claim 19 to incorporate the limitation of claim 24, found allowable by the Examiner. Applicants have consequently cancelled claim 24, and changed the dependency of claims 25 and 26.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

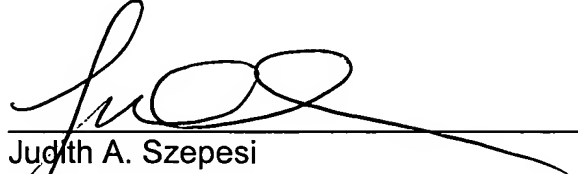
If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Judith A. Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

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